

**STATE OF VERMONT**  
**Executive Department**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

[Governor's Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force]

WHEREAS, prevention of domestic and sexual violence is essential to fostering a safe and healthy community;

WHEREAS, Vermont should be a national leader in the realm of effective, comprehensive and coordinated domestic and sexual violence prevention efforts;

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont should provide statewide leadership in partnership with concerned citizens and non-profit organizations in ensuring effective, comprehensive, and coordinated domestic and sexual violence prevention efforts throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Peter Shumlin, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor, do hereby establish the Governor's Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force, an advisory Task Force to the Governor.

**I. Composition**

The Task Force will consist of up to 11 members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the Governor's pleasure. All members of the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force established pursuant to Executive Order 02-11 shall be members of the Task Force pursuant to this revised executive order.

The Governor shall annually appoint one member to serve as Chair. The appointed Chair pursuant to Executive Order 02-11 shall Chair the Task Force pursuant to this revised executive order.

**II. Task Force Charge**

The Task Force is charged with:

1. evaluating Vermont's existing public and private domestic and sexual violence prevention resources and programs;
2. identifying programmatic and/or geographic gaps in prevention services;
3. identifying opportunities for increased coordination of efforts among public and various private non-profit efforts to avoid redundancies and maximize the reach of Vermont's prevention resources; and
4. making recommendations to advance Vermont's prevention framework and promote effective, comprehensive, and coordinated domestic and sexual violence prevention efforts throughout the state.

The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations by July 1, 2013.

**III. Task Force Process**

The Task Force shall meet as needed. The Governor's office shall provide staff support to the Task Force. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their service.

**IV. Effective Dates**

This executive order shall take effect upon signing, and rescinds and supersedes Executive Order 02-11. The Task Force shall sunset on July 1, 2013, unless this order is renewed.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2011.

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Peter Shumlin, Governor

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